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UN MIL STAFF COMMITTEE.1. FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE FROM SECDEF IS QUOTED FOR IMMEDIATE
COMPLIANCE:✓ "MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, DATED
7 NOV 62, SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION OF IN-COMING
AND OUT-GOING SHIPMENTS TO AND FROM CUBA.✓ "1. THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTIAL INSPECTION OF
IN-COMING AND OUT-GOING SHIPMENTS TO AND FROM CUBA WERE
✓ AGREED TO BETWEEN US AND USSR SPOKESMEN IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.
SOME ASPECTS REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

✓ "2. INSPECTION -- OUT-GOING:

"(A) THE USSR WILL PROVIDE CALL SIGNS FOR THE NINE VESSELS
WHICH HAVE ALREADY OR ARE SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO
DEPART CUBAN PORTS WITH OFFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. THE US IS TO
PROVIDE (JCS WORK DIRECT WITH USUN DELEGATION) THE CALL
SIGNS OF THE NAVAL VESSELS SCHEDULED TO INTERCEPT THESE
SOVIET SHIPS. EACH SET OF MASTERS OF SOVIET SHIPS AND
COMMANDING OFFICERS OF US NAVAL VESSELS ARE TO WORK DIRECTLY
WITH EACH OTHER TO ARRANGE A CONVENIENT RENDEZVOUS ALONG THE
TRACK OF THE SOVIET SHIP.

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"(B) UPON RECEIPT OF CALL SIGNS, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE RENDEZVOUS. THESE WILL REQUIRE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE NINE SHIPS IN ORDER THAT THEIR POSITIONS MAY BE READILY KNOWN PRIOR TO ARRANGING THE RENDEZVOUS.

"(C) PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE IMPLACED EARLIEST ON THE SHIPS AND HELICOPTERS TO BE USED FOR RENDEZVOUS INSPECTION. (NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY WITH THE USSR TO CONFIRM THAT HELICOPTERS MAY BE USED FOR VISUAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION WHEN WEATHER PREVENTS CLOSE ALONG SIDE INSPECTION BY OUR NAVAL VESSELS. YOU WILL BE SPECIFICALLY ADVISED ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE.) (NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH AGREEMENT WITH THE USSR ON THE REMOVAL OF COVERS FROM MISSILE TRANSPORTS IN ORDER TO PERMIT VISUAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION OF THE MISSILES. YOU WILL BE SEPARATELY ADVISED ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE.)

"(D) US SHOULD HAVE RUSSIAN TRANSLATORS ON OUR SHIPS, IF FEASIBLE.

"3. INSPECTION -- IN-COMING:

"(A) THE USSR HAS AGREED TO THE USE OF A SWEDISH SHIP TO BE CONTRACTED BY THE UN, BUT DESIRES FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS VESSEL. (THIS WILL BE ARRANGED BY CAPTAIN ZUMWALT.)

"(B) THE USSR HAS AGREED ONLY TO THE INSPECTION OF IN-COMING SOVIET VESSELS; NEITHER BLOC VESSELS NOR THOSE NON-BLOC VESSELS WHICH HAVE LOADED AT SOVIET PORTS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR INSPECTION AT THIS TIME.

"(C) HOWEVER, THE USSR UNDERSTAND THAT THE QUARANTINE WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THESE EXEMPTED VESSELS UNLESS THEY THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AGREE TO THE ICRC INSPECTION.

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"4. ALL THE ABOVE REQUIRED ACTION IS AT THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY MCNAMARA. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS DEVELOPED."

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2(A) OF MSG QUOTED ABOVE: DIRLAUTH CINCLANT AND VADM WELLBORN. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2(B), YOU ARE DIRECTED ARRANGE APPROPRIATE RENDEZVOUS.

3. FYI: CAPT ZUMWALT IS AN ASSISTANT TO ASSTSECDEF NITZE.

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